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16356 (ETH-5099)

In Re Application Of: **Peter Douglas et al.**

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Title: **VARIABLE STIFFNESS SHAFT**



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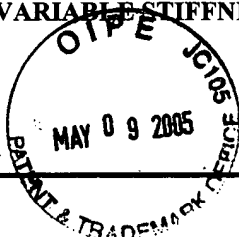
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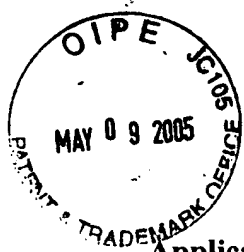
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Sir:

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1. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0090809 A1, to Cooper et al., dated April 28, 2005;
2. United States Patent No. 6,817,974 B2, issued to Cooper et al., dated November 16, 2004; and

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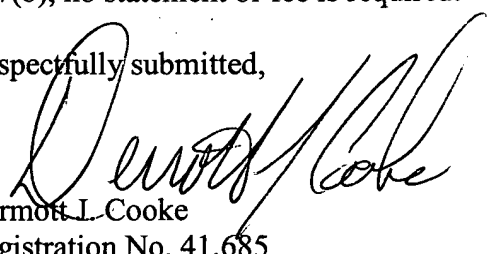

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3. United States Patent No. 5,808,665, issued to Green, dated September 15, 1998.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references.

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Respectfully submitted,



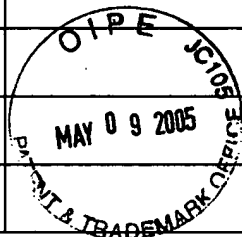
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